

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, T. Denny Sanford founded the Sioux Empire Alexis de Tocqueville Society in 1997, in order to recognize individuals that give \$10,000 or more a year to the United Way, and it has grown to be among the top 5 percent in America; and,

Whereas, In 2002, Denny became the first person to contribute \$100,000 to the Sioux Empire United Way, and this gift allowed two nurses to be added to the Bright Start Program, a child abuse prevention program, which now has eight nurses and serves 200 families a year; and,

Whereas, Denny, founder and owner of First PREMIER Bank and PREMIER Bankcard, is one of our truly outstanding corporate leaders in giving and volunteering, and 95 percent of Denny's employees are United Way contributors with 378 of them holding the distinction as a Heart Club member; and,

Whereas, Denny gives generously to children's causes and encourages others to give as well; and,

Whereas, Denny now joins the United Way Worldwide Million Dollar Roundtable, bringing recognition to the Sioux Empire United Way Foundation and the entire community:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 16, 2010, as

DENNY SANFORD DAY

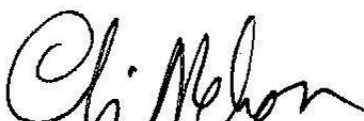
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State